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> **Annual Report of Wiretap Interceptions** RE:

> > To the General Court Pursuant to G.L. c. 272, § 99R

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in General Laws Chapter 272, § 99R, I hereby submit this report to the General Court on behalf of the Bristol County District Attorney's Office for the calendar year of 2021.

There was one investigation, Operation Lunch Break, where an application was made for electronic surveillance warrants during 2021. The name of the applicants on each of the applications was Assistant District Attorney Danielle Pixley and Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Carley. The Massachusetts Superior Court issued four wiretap warrants. The wiretap Search Warrants were issued pursuant to an on-going Narcotic investigation.

The Narcotic Wiretap investigation ran from August 24, 2020 – June 11, 2021. The first wiretap interceptions were initiated on August 24, 2020 and ran through September 7, 2020. Thereafter, the investigation was interrupted due to Covid 19 until April 13, 2021 when the second set of wiretap interceptions were initiated. That second round of interceptions ran for 15 days to April 27, 2021. There was a third wiretap warrant authorized that ran from May 17, 2021 through June 11, 2021. The final wiretap warrant ran from May 28, 2021 through June 11, 2021. There were six cell phone numbers targeted by this wiretap investigation and the number of voice and text message interceptions made during the entire wiretap period totaled 15,808. At the conclusion of the investigation, a total of eleven individuals were charged in connection with this investigation. Most individuals were charged with narcotic offenses pursuant to MGL C. 94C s. 32 & 40 and/or firearm offenses pursuant to MGL C 269 s. 10(h) & 10(G). To

date, all cases are still pending. There were no criminal trials in which wiretap interception evidence or evidence derived there from was introduced in 2021.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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